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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 10, 2005. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above amendments and following remarks in response to the Office Action.

OBJECTIONS:

Claim 12 stands objected to. Applicants have amended claim 12 and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 2-9, 11-12, 16-20-26 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claim 7 and submitted clarifications to the term "at least 10 carbons". Support for such amendments is found in the specification in at least paragraph 37 (see, "[o]ne example of a suitable synthetic hydrocarbon that can be used is a commercial product marketed by Petrolite Corporation under the name VYBAR 825.") Petrolite Corporation defines VYBAR 825 as . See, the Petrolite Product Guide at page 10 and U.S. Patent No. 4,898,751 (assigned to Petrolite Corporation,) which are submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 2-9, 11-12, 16, 20-25 and 30-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,861,455 (Reddy), claims 2-9, 11, 13 and 30-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 3,506,740 (Dempsey), claims 2, 4, 7, 11-15, 20-24 and 30-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 4,219,466 (Yoshida) and claims 2-9, 11-12, 20-24 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 4,235,760 (Uzelmeier).

The references of record do not teach show or suggest the features of the amended claims. Further, neither Reddy, Yoshida teaches or suggests the use of propylene polymers, as recited in amended claims 31-32. Per the discussion of October 25th, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Claims 1-8, 10-13, 16 and 20-25 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-38 of U.S. Patent No. 6,613,387, claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No. 5,861,455 and claims 32-62 of U.S. Patent App. Serial No. 10/454,135. Applicants respectfully submit that the clarified claims do not overlap with the claim scope of such patents and respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

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